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Note by the Secretariat**

Addendum

Possible additions to the provisional agenda of the next session of the Commission

I. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

1. In paragraph 16 of section II of its resolution 48/112 of 20 December 1993 entitled "International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking", the General Assembly recommended to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs that it consider including the issue of the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking as an item on its agenda.

2. In this connection, the Commission is specifically urged to consider the report on such economic and social consequences prepared by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development in conjunction with the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) on those consequences.

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Action by the Commission

3. In view of the foregoing, and taking into consideration what the Commission considers to be a reasonable time frame for the preparation of an in-depth report on the subject, the Commission may wish to consider including the examination of the economic and social consequences of drug abuse and illicit trafficking as an item on a future agenda.

II. ADEQUACY OF DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. UNDCP has reviewed the preparation of documentation for the Commission with particular reference to its timeliness and relevance. The immediate objective of this exercise is to improve the quality of documentation by making it more action-oriented, while striving to ensure earlier availability so that Commission members will benefit from additional time to prepare for a given session.

5. Whenever the subject matter permits, brief summaries of the contents will be included at the beginning of each document and recommendations for specific action by the Commission will be introduced as appropriate. It is hoped that this approach will facilitate the Commission's mandate to give policy guidance to UNDCP and will lead to a more focused discussion of those issues calling for decisions or statement of positions.

6. A detailed report on the evaluation of UNDCP procedures followed in the preparation of documentation and proposals for improvement will be before the Commission at its next session. At that time, it might be advisable for the Commission to proceed to a review of its documentation requirements.

Action by the Commission

7. The Commission may wish to consider the advisability of examining the question of its documentation requirements under a special agenda item at its next session or under the agenda item concerning the provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session of the Commission. In either case, the Commission may wish to entrust a detailed examination of the matter to the Committee of the Whole, particularly as concerns documentation on drug abuse and trafficking as well as other technical matters.